

**SHELTER ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PUBLIC BUDGET
HEARING/
SPECIAL MEETING
May 12, 2008**

Members Present: Robert Reylek, Barbara Warren, Edith Lechmanski, Katherine Garrison, Kathleen Reilly, Thomas Graffagnino

Members Absent: Theresa Andrew

Others Present: Sharon Clifford, Superintendent; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; Frank Perry, Business Official; Jake Williams from The Shelter Island Reporter, and a number of community residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Reylek, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call To Order

Presentation -

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A. Mrs. Clifford did a presentation of the 2008-2009 Shelter Island School District Budget. Mrs. Clifford discussed the percentage increase budget to budget, the tax rate, calculation of the tax rate, the 2008-2009 budget additions, the increases and decreases to the budget, and the budget summary. Mrs. Clifford also discussed the two parts which make up Proposition #2, the Capital Reserve Fund.

Visitor's Questions -

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A. Ms. Barbara Allen asked the Board if the district investigates enrollment of students into the district. Mrs. Clifford answered yes.

B. Mr. Donald Kornrumpf asked if the Board has investigated or been involved in discussion regarding shared services among the local east end school districts. Mrs. Clifford responded that she has been to several meetings regarding this.

C. Ms. Barbara Allen asked what the class size requirement is to get an aide in the classroom. Mrs. Clifford responded there is no requirement.

D. Ms. Rebecca Mundy asked about the Special Aid Fund for Federal projects. She also clarified that she thoroughly supports the district's technology program.

E. Ms. Barbara Allen asked the Board about student use of their laptops while the student is at home. She stated that the community should know how the program works.

F. Don Bindler made a statement to the Board with regard to the availability of the budget document.

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G. Mr. Bill Lieblein asked the Board why programs special schools went up 20%. Ms. Guiffre answered that 2 students attend out of district this year.

Board Member Report –

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A. Barbara Warren commented that she received a response from Marc Alessi's office regarding local decision on tenure of a teacher. She also stated that the role of a Board of Education member is to lobby and has to be taken seriously.

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Katherine Garrison, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss a specific personnel matter.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 9:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Katherine Garrison, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

